

**USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 29 Aug 2008**

III. CEFMS:

A. We provided General and Administrative Rates, along with Indirect Rates, for fiscal year 08 of all USACE activities as of 14 Aug 08 to HQUSACE in support of the PwC audit request. This data was provided in EXCEL format along with a summary explaining the data fields.

B. We corrected a problem where cost transfer transactions for situations where multiple obligations are linked to the same S&A purchase request would only update the first S&A obligation number. The application of S&A will now update the correct S&A obligation when multiple obligations are linked to one PR&C number.

C. We released coding to add a new table, EPA_CARRYOVER, which will allow the EPA distribution process to include costs carried over from previous fiscal years.

D. We corrected a problem where the GOCO process would only update the Performing appropriation data for the first line item of the purchase request. Performing appropriation data is now transmitted for all government order line items.

E. Our windows based disbursing programs are still unable to use a server port that is necessary for sending Travel Advice Notices to travelers. An ACE-IT Trouble Ticket has been opened. This problem surfaced after the PC Refresh.

F. We modified the Cancel Travel Order List screen so records are not automatically queried when user first enters that screen. This process was too time consuming at activities where hundreds of order were available for cancellation. When entering the List screen the user is automatically in query mode. They may enter a full or partial with wildcard (%) travel order no, traveler id no or traveler last name to query. If user wants all records to be retrieved, they can press F3 or Execute. There is no restriction on cancelling a travel order for an inactive employee.

G. We modified Unfiled Travel Voucher report to NOT include travelers who are foreign nationals. In addition, we modified the process that selects travelers to receive the 'unfiled voucher' email to not include foreign nationals.

H. We corrected Travel Advance Create/Update screen so that F4/List on Travel Order No field works correctly. The Finance Center was

receiving an Oracle error when they used the list screen in lieu of querying a specific travel order number.

I. We continue to work with CITIBANK on the conversation of travel credit cards from Bank of America to CITIBANK. After discussing with CEFMS Commitment experts, we changed Employee Credit Card form to allow entry of Citibank (CB) card numbers. We also changed Manual Credit Card Certification to query CB cards. We discussed the best method to load of CB traveler credit card numbers into CEFMS databases with GPS contractors and Linda Brooks. We plan to create a table on dman database that will hold entire the file from Citibank. Then we will create a process for each USACE activity that will load card for that activity's employees into the travel_credit_card table. No user will have access to dman table. This process will negate the necessity for USACE activities to load the new CITIBANK card account numbers manually by 29 Nov.

J. We added edits to the personnel interface function as well as the employee screen so that a pop-up screen appears if a new record is created for an employee who has the same name of an employee already existing in the Corps-wide employee table. The screen will display the new social security number as well as the one for the existing employee record so that the Customer Service Representative has a chance to verify which one is correct. This was done to decrease the number of duplicate employee identification numbers for the same employee.

K. We modified process that loads settlement data from IATS to correctly process duplicate travel dates due to crossing International Date Line where travel stop code is Voluntary Return (VR) or Authorized Return (AR) and costs were incurred.

L. The Disbursing CRON run on 15 Aug 08 had twenty CEFMS activities that did not process. There were no log files opened and there were no re-orgs on that date. A check of the reports that were run since midnight showed that one of the report stack programs had an excessive run time. This was causing the Disbursing CRONS to be delayed by several hours. The remaining eighty disbursing programs were run from the menu. We notified the personnel responsible for the report program so they could make a correction.

M. We tested and approved a modification to the Process Contract Disbursing Program to add additional data elements to the trace report. In addition, a correction was made for the failure on the insert to the commit transaction register when the program was processing a payment that had Prompt Pay Interest.

N. We modified the Traveler Credit Card Create/Update screen as requested to allow for first and/or last name query capability.

O. We modified program to load CEFM data into IATS to change directories to /CEFMS/data so the permissions are set correctly and all UFC Travel personnel can load IATS data. This became an issue when an employee from UFC Travel retired. No one else was able to process travel settlements for USACE activities the retired employee had processed last because it left the files so only she had permissions.

P. We entered test data and forwarded to DFAS for IATS testing concerning trips that are less than 24 hours with lodging in preparation for the next IATS release in Oct 08. We also worked with DFAS to determine the proper IATS correction for overnight Awaiting Transportation (AT) stops on CEFMS vouchers. We expect this correction in the Oct 08 release also.

Q. We modified Travel Order Itinerary to correct navigation problem when using the F4 option for stop codes. Users were entering lodging cost on stop codes and ending voucher on VR and AR codes. We also updated the code so users cannot enter VR and Mission Complete (MC) stop codes on the same day for partial beginning and middle vouchers. IATS could not compute partial settlements when both codes existed on last date on voucher.

R. Another update added China and Thailand to the International Date Line (IDL) check. We create the IDL check to force the IDL indicator when the travel destinations indicate the line was crossed and the user failed to mark the IDL on the voucher. The missing indicator causes incorrect commutations on settlements.

S. We changed the General Overhead Rate Screen so that the starting date can be backdated if labor distribution has not yet used the pay period ending date in the costing process.

T. We created a data base job to run on the 20th and 25th of each month checking for unapproved labor cost transfers and unapproved labor adjustments. Email reminders are generated and sent to authorized users for those unapproved.

U. We automated the process of transferring accrued annual and accrued other leave balances between Corps activities. This eliminated the need for one activity to record the transfer and then mail a copy of the data to the gaining activity for them to enter the same data, which was subject to errors. We also created a new role "accrued_leave_transfer" to be used in this process.

V. We converted the process for printing collection vouchers from COBOL to ORACLE Reports. The new CEFMS report id is colvchprt. During the COBOL print conversion, an option for the collect type indicator was added to the print collection vouchers screen 2.99.5. Prior to selecting the DSSN for the voucher(s) to be printed, the

collect type indicator of CFS or CBO must be selected. This code change prevents voucher information from being combined when the voucher number is the same but the voucher type is different.

W. On 18 Aug 08, two newly converted PKI activities had problems when executing disbursing processes. Various ESIG Libraries had to be modified and moved into the production directories. All activities had disbursed by the afternoon.

IV. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Total Problems	704	695
Priority #1 Problems	88	88

We received 187 new problem reports and completed 178 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 59 Production Activities:

<u># of Imbalances</u>	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
None	54	59
One	2	0
Two	1	0
Three	2	0